

# Resolution

No. 06-81

## CONGRATULATING THE MAUI EVANGELICAL CHURCH ON ITS 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2006, the Maui Evangelical Church celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of the Filipinos in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the Maui Evangelical Church came into existence through the dedication of former members of the Puunene Filipino Evangelical Church; and

WHEREAS, located in Alabama Camp in Puunene, the Puunene Filipino Evangelical Church was founded in 1922 to serve the needs of Filipino immigrants working on the plantations; and

WHEREAS, when the plantation villages closed, several Puunene church members banded together to start a church in Kahului that would serve not only Filipinos, but other Protestants who relocated from the camps; and

WHEREAS, the property on Hina Avenue in Kahului, where the Maui Evangelical Church is currently located, was purchased in 1966, and on August 27, 1972, construction of the church was completed; and

WHEREAS, church members who have faithfully served the church and are still actively involved in the growth of the church are Rafael Acoba, the longest serving moderator and president in the church's history; Federico Pagdilao, one of the pioneers of the church as well as an officer and trustee; Florencio Garcia, another pioneer who also served as financial secretary; Prisciliano Pasion, a "sakada" who came to Hawaii in 1946; and Reverend Cora Domingo, a licentiate pastor from 1969 to 1973; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walter Baloaloa has been the pastor of the Maui Evangelical Church since 1973, and has served as supply pastor for the Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Baloaloa graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Pastoral Work and Teaching from Northern Christian College, Laoag City, Philippines; obtained his Master's degree in Bible and Religion from Gateley Christian University,

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Alabama; and also earned degrees in Psychology and Counseling from Michigan State University; and

WHEREAS, through the support and generous gifts from members and friends, the Maui Evangelical Church underwent a major renovation to enable it to continue its efforts to provide a comfortable place for worship and church gatherings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it hereby congratulates the Maui Evangelical Church on its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Reverend Walter Baloaloa, Rafael Acoba, Federico Pagdilao, Florencio Garcia, Prisciliano Pasion, and Reverend Cora Domingo.

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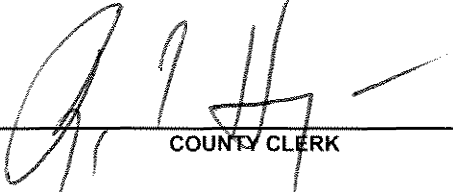
# COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

## CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 06-81 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 1st day of September, 2006, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	G. Riki HOKAMA Chair	Robert CARROLL Vice-Chair	Michelle ANDERSON	Jo Anne JOHNSON	Dain P. KANE	Dennis A. MATEO	Michael J. MOLINA	Joseph PONTANILLA	Charmaine TAVARES
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

  
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COUNTY CLERK